

# GRANT WRITING

## RESOURCES FOR GRANT PROPOSAL WRITERS

### **F**unding Sources

#### **The Foundation Center**

79 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003,  
(212) 620-4230

<http://www.fdncenter.org/>

The Foundation Center is an independent nonprofit information clearinghouse established in 1956. It is affiliated with a nationwide network of Cooperating Collections, which are free funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers. These Centers provide a core collection of Foundation publications and a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grant seekers. To find the nearest Cooperating Collection, call 1-800-424-9836 or see the web page <http://www.fdncenter.org/collections/index.html>

#### **The Foundation Center's User-Friendly Guide to Funding Research & Resources**

<http://fdncenter.org/onlib/ufg/index.html>

A primer on finding grant funding, this guide explains how to research funding sources, the proposal process, and print and web information resources. Also includes a "Prospect Worksheet."

#### **Online Orientation to Grant Seeking**

<http://www.fdncenter.org/onlib/orient/intro1.html>

An online tutorial about the Foundation Center and its services, how to seek funding from foundations, and proposal writing tips.

#### **The Funding Information Center**

329 South Henderson, Fort Worth, TX 76104, (817) 334-0228

<http://www.fic-ftw.org/>

From the Foundation, the FIC is a free, self-service library of research materials on grants, fundraising, nonprofit management. This web site contains a wealth of links to resources on proposal writing, funding sources, nonprofit management workshops and training sessions.

#### **Grant Resources**

<http://www.uchaswv.edu/library/grants.html>

A meta-site providing links to various types of grant seeking resources, including general guides as well as information on foundations, government grants, and proposal writing.

### **Grantsmanship Techniques**

[http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/4fc\\_a.htm](http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/4fc_a.htm)

A mega-site of a very extensive bibliography covering books, videos, and electronic resources. The place to look for information on how to conduct grants research, find tips on proposal writing, find sample proposals, identify alternative methods of raising money, learn how to run nonprofit organizations, etc

### **Library Fundraising on the Web**

<http://pobox.upenn.edu/%7Eadamcf/alabook.html>

This article is based upon the experience of a small team at Penn that manages a "Friends and Benefactors" homepage for a 15-library system. With adjustments, the article can serve as a starting point for other libraries and non-profit institutions as they move into fundraising on the web.

## **B**OOKS

### **The Big Book Of Library Grant Money.**

1998-99. Prepared by the Taft Group for the American Library Association. Chicago, Ill. : ALA, 1998. 1433pp. Provides information on 2,193 grant makers who have either supported library programs or expressed a willingness to consider proposals from libraries.

### **National Guide To Funding For Libraries And Information Services.**

New York, N.Y. : Foundation Center, May 1999. 5th edition, 285pp. Provides information on over 880 foundations and corporate direct giving programs, each with a history of

awarding grant dollars to libraries and other information centers. Includes a glossary and a selected bibliography of additional resources.

### **Grants for Libraries and Information Services**

New York, N.Y. : Foundation Center, 111pp.

Lists recently-awarded foundation grants for public, academic, research, special, and school libraries; for archives and information centers; and for consumer information and philanthropy information centers. One of the Foundation Centers *Grant Guide* series.

## **W**riting Grant Proposals-Web Sites

### **Getting Grants—Help for Grant Writers**

<http://granthelp.clarityconnect.com/default.html>

Provides tips, techniques, and books related to grants. Includes a tutorial on writing grant proposals.

### **Writing a Successful Grant Proposal**

<http://www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/writing.htm>

A guide to writing all sections of a grant proposal, contains examples and formatting tips.

### **Guide to Grant and Proposal Writing**

<http://tlrc.tamu.edu/grants/grantpro/main2.htm>

Although geared toward grant seeking for adult literacy projects, this outline presents some useful ideas for seeking funding in any field.

## **W**riting Grant Proposals-Web Sites (cont.)

### **12 Steps to Funding: General Advice for Grant Seekers**

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/steps.html>

Advice on what to do before, during and after writing a grant.

### **Grants**

<http://www.smartbiz.com/sbs/arts/bjh19.htm>

Common elements of grant writing. A good beginner's primer of ideas.

### **Uni. of Washington Grant Toolkit**

<http://healthlinks.washington.edu/toolkits/grantseeker.html>

Grant mega-site with links to funding organizations, including federal resources.

## **F**ederal Grants

### **EPA Grant-Writing Tutorial**

<http://www.epa.gov/seahome/grants/src/grant.htm>

This site from the EPA has an online tutorial containing writing tips and a mock grant writing activity.

### **Government Funding Resources**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/funding.html>

Contains links to funding health projects available from the federal government.

### **How to write an NIH Grant Application**

<http://www.lumen.luc.edu/lumen/DeptWebs/MICROBIO/WEB-WALK/NIH-GRT2.HTM>

Good thumbnail overview of all information to consider when writing a federal grant. Also includes a section on revisions.

### **How to Write a Grant Proposal**

<http://www.house.gov/bishop/grant.htm>

Congressional offices are frequently asked for guidance by constituents planning projects of benefit to their community. This site explains all phases of grant writing.

### **Successful Proposal Writing with Specific Hints from NSF & NIH**

<http://www2.roanoke.edu/grants/success.htm>

Brief overview of what to consider when writing a grant. Good hints for the beginner.

### **NLM GRANTS**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ep/extramural.html>

Lists information available for government grants, active Requests for Funding, and grants awarded.

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